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October 23, 2001

Mr. Bill Ruehman
The Rockland Corporation
400 South 100 East
P. O. Box 656
Emery, Utah 84522

Re: Potential Permit Transfer, The Rockland Corporation, The Rockland Mine, S/015/085,
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ruehman:

Based upon recent telephone conversations with you, John Blake of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), and Dave Taylor of Live Earth Products, it appears The Rockland Corporation (TRC) no longer controls SITLA mineral lease 42844A. It is my understanding that the lease is currently being mined by Live Earth Products. John Blake said SITLA has not yet officially transferred the lease to Live Earth Products, but that he is having SITLA's attorneys research how to do the transfer. I also understand that Live Earth Products is using the disturbed area permitted by TRC to mine this lease and that TRC will not be mining this lease in the future.

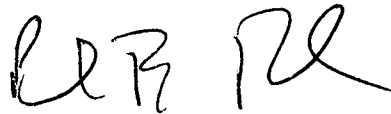
At this time, the Division holds a small mine permit issued to TRC. As the approved permittee, TRC remains responsible for any activities conducted on the site and for reclamation of all mining-related disturbances. This responsibility remains until the small mine permit is transferred or the site is reclaimed and formally released by the Division. If Live Earth Products is operating on the site, they are operating under TRC's approved permit. The Division understands SITLA continues to hold a reclamation bond posted by TRC.

If TRC no longer intends to operate on this site, the permit should be transferred to the entity with the approved right of entry (e.g., Live Earth Products). Enclosed is a copy of a permit transfer form. This form requires a notarized signature from the potential new operator. We recommend that this transfer be completed at your earliest convenience.

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Please call me at (801) 538-5261 if you have any questions about transferring the permit. I look forward to meeting you on October 30.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Baker', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul B. Baker
Senior Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosure: Form MR-TRS
cc: John Blake, SITLA
Dave Taylor, Live Earth Products
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